

tainly worth one-tenth of one percent of the county budget.

As far as the poor and independent not voting on a particular level of election, I would submit that the poor do not vote and the independents do not vote, not because of frequency of elections, but because the candidates that are running for office are candidates that are not easily identified by the poor and by the independents.

I would hope that you would support the Committee Recommendation which would allow Baltimore City to continue its present system of elections and would allow the counties to have their elections at a time when visibility and responsibility —

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): You have thirty seconds.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: — would be most advantageous.

For those reasons, I ask you to support the Committee on this recommendation.

Thank you.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): We now come to the uncontrolled time and the Chair recognizes Delegate Macdonald. Do you want to offer your amendment at this time?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I will offer my amendment at this time.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): What is the number on your amendment, Delegate Macdonald?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I do not have the copy.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): I do not, either.

Delegate Macdonald, do you know what letter is on your amendment?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I do not.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): When did you ask for it to be prepared?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Yesterday. I asked the page for a copy about twenty minutes ago and they did not seem to have one.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): We will just have to wait a moment until we locate the amendment. It should be here.

The Chair rules your amendment is not germane to the other amendment and will have to be offered later.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I might point out that I think the sponsor of the amendment which is now pending, namely Amendment No. 14, would accept this as an amendment to the amendment. But if the Chair would rule it would not be germane, we would hold it until after Amendment No. 14 is passed.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): I think that is what we will have to do.

Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: At what point would it be appropriate to inquire as to whether or not this question is divisible and request division?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): At the time we would vote on the question would be the proper time.

Delegate Dukes, are you talking about Amendment No. 14, is that right?

DELEGATE DUKES: Yes, I guess it is 14.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): You can demand division of the question at any time.

DELEGATE DUKES: If it is divisible, and it seems to me it is, I would request it be divided.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): As I understand it, Delegate Dukes, you want division of the question of the two parts that are referred to?

DELEGATE DUKES: My position essentially is whether or not state and county elections ought to be held together is one question and whether Baltimore City ought to be treated separate from everybody else is another.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): All right, sir.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes just to oppose the division, sir.

What is your question?

DELEGATE BYRNES: I wanted to oppose the division.

Has the Chair ruled?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair has to rule that there can be a division of the question.

Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: I just rose to say the Committee would certainly be willing to divide the question.